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PAID-IN CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.
INSTRUMENT RECEIVED ON NEW SHARES, 926,765.02

RECEIVED FUND, \$1,500,000.
INSTRUMENT RECEIVED ON NEW SHARES, 698,336.43

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 25, 1883. 48

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, begs to give Notice that he has SOLD the STOCK-IN-TRADE and GOODWILL of the BUSINESS of the late JOHN NOBLE to Messrs. C. J. GAUPP & CO.

JOHN S. COX,
Administrator to the Estate of the late JOHN NOBLE.

WITH Reference to the above, we beg to Notify that we have PURCHASED the BUSINESS of the late JOHN NOBLE, which will be carried on in the present Premises, and under the same Style as heretofore, and having now the largest and best Assorted Stock of WATCHES and JEWELLERY in the Colony, we trust to receive the Confidence of the Patronage bestowed upon our Predecessors.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.
Hongkong, November 19, 1883. 94

Intimations.

HOP SHING & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS,
COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON
FOUNDRERS, &c.,
WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced Busi-
ness, are ready to undertake Work
of the above Descriptions under the Super-
vision of an EXPERIENCED EUROPEAN.

Orders executed with the utmost despatch
and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1883. 611

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE THIRD CALL of £10 Sterling per
Share on the 20,000 Shares, NEW
ISSUE of this Corporation, will fall due on
the 30th December, G.O.M., in London,
Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

Shareholders entitled to
NEW SHARES are requested to Pay, at
the respective Offices, the above Call or its
equivalent in the Currency of the above-
mentioned places.

Provisional Certificates are being
issued in Exchange for the 1st Call Receipts,
which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

Receipts of Provisional Certificates,
when having this Call, will be sent to
this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is
fixed at 3/- 7d. or \$54 per Share.

Interest at the Rate of 7 % per Annum
will be Charged on Calls unpaid on the
30th December.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 12, 1883. 527

Intimations.

NOTE OF THANKS.

To the late PASSENGERS of the Barque
"Martha Davis."

THE CAPTAIN of the Barque *Martha Davis* wished to express his thanks to the
PASSENGERS for the BEAUTIFUL FLAG they have presented to him.

T. M. BENSON.

Hongkong, December 4, 1883. 1062

SEE WOO,

TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER,
No. 55, Queen's Road Central.

Has just Received by French Mail,
CHRISTY'S BLACK, BROWN AND

DRAB FEEL HATS, AND

TWEED HATS,

(of all shapes).

All Kinds of PERFUMES and TOILET

SOAP.

All Sorts of GENTLEMEN'S WINTER

CLOTHING, &c., &c.

Hongkong, December 3, 1883. 1052

NOTICE.

FROM This Date we will also carry on

the BUSINESS of SHARE and

GENERAL BROKERS in this Colony.

ECA & SILVA & CO.,

General Commission Agents

and Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 30, 1883. 1032

NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st OCTOBER, the
PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to

12 Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, September 15, 1883. 553

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND

CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for

passing the Company's Steamers

through the Suez Canal in QUARANTINE,

thus avoiding any detention in EGYPT.

The Homeward Mails are now being landed at VENICE, but the QUARANTINE which is

still imposed at this and all other CONTINENTAL PORTS prevents the landing of Passengers, and those travelling by the Company's Steamers are advised to remain on board the Vessel which calls at Marseilles en route—stopping a few hours only to discharge Cargo—and proceed in her direct to LONDON, thus avoiding all QUARANTINE delays and inconveniences.

The Passage of the Steamers will be

accelerated, and they will not call at MALTA or GIBRALTAR.

A. MCIVER,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 6, 1883. 401

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Second and Final DIVIDEND of FIVE

per cent. on Contributions, and a

DIVIDEND of EIGHTEEN DOLLARS and

TWENTY-NINE CENTS per Share for the year

1882, will be PAYABLE on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.

Warrants may be had on application at

the OFFICE of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, October 22, 1883. 767

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Provisional Certificates are being

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
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(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER),
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COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
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Soda BISCUITS.
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Small HOMINY.

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Bacon and California CHEESE.

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PRIME HAMS and BACON.

Magle Brand Condensed MILK.

Family BEEF in 25 lb cans.

Beau Ideal SALMON in 24 lb cans.

Cutting's Desert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted SOUPS.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted

MEATS.

Lunch HAM.

Lamb's TONGUES.

Clam CHOWDER.

Fresh OREGON SALMON.

Dried APPLES.

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Maple SYRUP.

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Assorted JELLIES.

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400 lb. Capacity.

600 lb. "

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1,200 lb. "

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OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.

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KEROSENE OIL,

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Ex late Arrivals from

ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

S T O R E S,

including:

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

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ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Crystallized FRUITS.

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Fine YORK HAMS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

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CUECAO.

ANGOSTURA, BAKER'S and ORANGE

BITTERS,

&c., &c., &c.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

C I G A R S.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF

SAFES, CASH and PAPER

BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

Intimations.

Chinese Imperial Government Eight Per Cent. Loan of 1881.

FIRST DRAWING.

Intimations.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT
• LOAN of 1881.THE INTEREST due 30th November
current of the above LOAN, together with the BONDS DRAWN for Re-
demption, will be Paid at the Office of
this Corporation on and after that date.For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,Agents Issuing the Loan,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 20, 1883. 1023

FREDERIC ALGAR,

COLONIAL, NEWSPAPER & COMMIS-
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COMPANY.THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
TOKIO will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, with the option
of calling at Honolulu, on SATURDAY,
the 15th December, at 3 p.m., taking Pas-
sengers and Freight, for Japan, the United
States, and Europe. To be followed by the
S. S. CITY OF PEKING, on MONDAY,
31st December, at 3 p.m.Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Dacca, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return
Passage Orders, available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 25% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
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Europe.Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. on the 14th Dec. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.,
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.Conular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 503, Queen's Road Central.F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 3, 1883. 1053

INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to Insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Morris Department.

Policies issued at current rates, payable
either here, in London, or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sum not exceeding
£50,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 496

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
a Bid for First Class Godowns at 1
per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 938

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessel in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £100,000 on a Single
Life.For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply toARNHOLD, KARRERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, December 4, 1887. 106

CIGARS.

For Shanghai Taels 500 each—Shanghai Taels 548,000.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

(Signed)

G. R. JOHNSON,
Chief Accountant.

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 102

"There was rather an amusing fancy ball at Simla on the 14th of October," writes to a correspondent from India. "One silly young officer won in the character of the Albert Bill. He was dressed in a great roll of white paper, with red tape round his waist, and on his back a big label 'Criminal Judicature Bill.' Mr. Albert was asked what he should do if he met his handling? Mr. Albert replied that he should read him three times and pass him. Discussion still rages over the bill." *Post-Mall Gazette.*

A curious sacrifice is reported, says an Indian paper, from the Madras Presidency. The police inspector of the Mampari division (Trichinopoly) reports that "a man came to the Andivur civil with the end of his tongue cut off (about an inch), and was snatched before the idol. He was unable to speak, but he wrote on the ground that he is the son of one Kamaswamy Pillai, and that his name is Subramanyam Pillai." Having partially lost his sight, he was in much distress about it. He had a dream that if he sacrificed a portion of his tongue to the god in this particular temple, his eyesight would be restored, and that his tongue would grow again. So he made a vow accordingly. He refused to go to hospital. The master was reported to the local sub-magistrate.

A MADRAS paper says that a good story comes from the Madras Lunatic Asylum, above all other places. One of the inmates is a man named Bacon, who writes a most beautiful hand, almost equal to copperplate engraving, and who is much given to discussing theological questions. When Surgeon-General Cunningham was in Madras last year, he visited this asylum, and was introduced to Bacon. After a little conversation, Bacon said: "You and I are family connections!" "You don't say so," said the Doctor, in well-feigned astonishment. "We are, said Bacon, "don't you see, I am clever Bacon, and you are running Ham!"

At the York Guildhall one day in the second week of last October, Jemima Cunningham, aged fifteen, a pupil at an industrial school, was charged with insubordination. It appeared that on being induced by her teacher to perform certain tasks, she had the audacity to reply, "I won't" and "I shan't." Moreover, she had committed the terrible offence of being three days over a piece of sewing. For these atrocities, says *Truth*, the Solons of the Bench sentenced the child to the mouth's imprisonment with hard labour. A more cruel and iniquitous sentence has rarely been heard of. Insubordination in schools, in nine cases out of ten, arises from the incapacity of the teachers. Moreover, these institutions are meant for the reclaiming, not for the manufacture, of criminals.

A very pretty novelty is to be seen in the window of a certain florist's shop near the Haymarket, which we owe to some ingenious Italian potter. It is called the "terracotta porpoise vase," and appears in many shapely designs, from the classic urn to the common-place flower-pot of every-day use. The vase is well seated in water, then covered on the outside with seed—several kinds of which may be used. It is then filled with water, and in about forty-eight hours the whole is covered with a pretty growth of mossy grass. Cut flowers are then placed in the vase, and the whole has a very pretty effect, forming an ornament for the table or chimney-piece, which is very pleasant to the eye. The idea is of considerable development. *Post-Mall Gazette.*

I REALLY am sincerely sorry for Prince Albert Victor Edward. He is to go to Cambridge, and to a young man the University is a very delightful place. But infinite pains have been taken to make his life there a burden to him. His rooms are next those of his tutor; he is not allowed to attend public lectures; he has to wear a silk gown, and be put in a separate pew in chapel. But even worse than that—when he dines in Trinity Hall, he is to be compelled to sit at the high table among the dons. It has been my lot to dine with him on several occasions, and I may safely say that more terrible burden than their conversation I have rarely endured. Poor Albert Victor! What a sad place will he think Cambridge!—*Life.*

Truth says—I have had occasion more than once to draw attention in these columns to choice specimens of lay and ecclesiastical—especially episcopal—twaddle on the subject of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, but I do not remember ever having noticed anything more ridiculous than the Bishop of Lincoln's remarks on the measure. At his Diocesan Conference Dr. Wordsworth observed that "it was a measure for the separation of Church and State; and its adoption might have proved disastrous to the Monarchy itself." He went on to remark that, judging from the prevalence of ear-rings, cattle-plaques, tumour, and unbelief, the end of the world is at hand. It seems from the context that, in the Bishop's opinion, that event will take place immediately after the passing of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, a prophecy which, as compared with the prediction of Mother Shipton and other soothsayers, has at least the merit of being distinct and definite.

The long-looked-for match between Snook and George, the Champions of this year and last respectively, took place at Little Bridge last Saturday, in presence of some six thousand enthusiastic spectators. Tremendous cheering greeted George and Snook as they turned out to do battle over the mile course, the contrast between the rivals in height and build being startling. George is tall, lithe, and spare; Snook, short, sturdy, and somewhat "bulldog" in aspect. At the pistol, George started off with a slight lead, and Snook, foolishly as it turned out, made no attempt to force the running; the pair kept close together throughout until entering the straight in the last lap—the race so far being very slowly run. Snook made his effort about 100 yards from home, but he had miscalculated his opponent's springing powers, and the latter came away at a terrific pace, ultimately finishing a winner by about twelve yards, quite fresh in *4 min. 26 sec.* The time was great disappointment to those who had confidently expected the record (*4 min. 19.3 sec.*), but to hasty beaten, but the fact is a match between two runners who have to wait upon each other, as it were, all the way, is never so likely to result in fast time as a skilfully planned handicap.—*Life.*

The following amusing anecdote is related in one of the latest numbers of a home society paper:

A young English lady, "of considerable personal attractions" and strong Anglican leanings, entered one of the largest churches in Antwerp one moonlight last evening, and taking a *priest*, was soon lost in her reverie, gazing up unconsciously at the organ just above her, from whence proceeded, now and again, a sumptuous chime of male voices. The lady's semi-devotional day-dream was rudely dispelled by the sudden apparition of a dark-looking monster in a gorgeous uniform, and a marvellous three-cornered hat, who, touching her on the shoulder, said authoritatively, pointing to the organ-loft, "Madame, tournez le dos." Our countrywoman, somewhat puzzled, looked up indignantly at her intruder, but respecting the roughness of his tones, remained kneeling in the same attitude. Presently Monsieur returned, his face scarlet and his moustache bristling with wrath. He again accosted her. "Madame, il faut tournez le dos. Pourriez, on sorte immédiatement." This time the poor lady, fearing herself unequal to further remonstrance, followed the burly "piedon" out of the church. As soon as they were outside the sacred precincts, she indignantly demanded an explanation, and it was not without considerable difficulty that the ruffed dignitary failed to explain that ladies were not permitted to stare at the Brothers while they were practising at the organ.

Under the heading of "A new Poet Laureate," the *Bombay Gazette* prints the following letter:

Sir,—I shall feel highly obliged by your kindly inserting in your valuable paper the enclosed poetry which I have composed in the spirit of loyalty to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who are expected here on the 20th inst. It would, therefore, appear desirable to publish the verses on the morning of that date.

The beauty and style of the verses are of themselves my sufficient apology for troubling you to insert them in your paper.—Yours faithfully,
JEANICAR ANDREAS CHINOUX.
Bombay, Nov. 8.

Welcome! Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Noble Prince and Princess, Welcome! hail! to thee thrice happy pair, Such is the hearty joy all loyal subjects share.

But India must be proud to sing in rhyme, To see the Royal Princess for the first time, And she cannot be full obligation express For confidence thus imposed by the Empress.

III.

Who will not long to see our Empress' third son

As Major-General of Meurat Division? May his career be crowned with all success Over the dales, mountains, and fortresses.

IV.

Oh! it is in hearts of the family Royal, How the natives of India are loyal, Especially the Parsees at the Prince of Wales' visit last,

What loyalty they displayed on such and many other occasions past.

V.

Lo! there it is in sight, the steamer's first sail, So let us shout, congratulate, cheer, and hail;

God bless the Empress and long may she reign,

Is the last chorus of the persons thronged in chain.

VI.

And as this verse's editor

I remain, gentlemen and Dear Sir, As loyal subject and sincere,

Chinou, J. Changir Andreas.

Bombay, 20th November, Eighteen Eighty-three:

Here is the conclusion, and I am free.

NOTE: BY THE WAY.

The Scotch community must be congratulated on the success of their Ball on Friday last. It was a gigantic affair, but the arrangements were well devised and carried out, and the Ball passed off smoothly and pleasantly. Some gentlemen must have laboured very hard to achieve this success. It is a pity we cannot muster more ladies on such occasions, but I suppose the bachelors here will not make that is certainly one way of encouraging ladies' musical talent. I offer the thanks to the Duke of Edinburgh and his College of Music.

COLONEL Burnaby, speaking last week at a Conservative banquet at Wednesbury, in reply to the toast of "The Army," did not merely deal in the ordinary platitudes that are generally indulged in on such occasions, but gave some interesting particular respecting the present examinations for the army. The following he instanced as specimens of the questions that were set to the candidates for admission to Sandhurst at the June and July examinations of the present year:

By whom were the following sentences spoken? Continue the quotation, when you can—! Lowliness is young ambition's ladder.

"The noise of battle hurled in the air."

Compare the character of Emilia with that of Desdemona.

Select four lines from the "Haunch of Venison," and scan them.

Draw a map of the Atlantic Ocean, and represent upon it approximately, by means of contour lines, the configuration of its basis.

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The Indian *Daily News* says:—There seems no good reason to doubt that Mr. Bayne, the Civil Engineer deputed by the government to make the search, has at last discovered the actual spot on which stood the Black Hole. The place is a few feet on the inner side of the north-east gateway of the Custom House, upon the northern wall of the foundation of the Black Hole. The north wall of the new custom house abuts upon the southern wall of this famous place of confinement. The necessity for preserving a roadway on the north side of the Post Office preserved the actual site of the Black Hole from discovery, although some two or three widely-separated occasions its very walls were touched by the builders of the new edifice. It would almost seem as if those who built the Custom House did not know something of the spot, for they avoided building over it. The excavations now made show a room 14 feet 6 inches from end to west, by 18 feet from north to south, with a veranda 10 feet on the west side. The foundation of the pillars of which still remain. On the eastern side of the excavation some of the plaster has remained attached to the wall, and it is still harder, out of all comparison, than the plaster in use at the present day; and this, although it was so roughly made that it is easy to detect it was made of a shell lime. It rests upon a coating of the plaster that is the base of the pillars that stand in the Chinese Government has troops in Tonquin—it states as much in the circular sent out by the French government. It does seem pretty certain to me, now, that the Chinese Government is not altogether engaged in a game of brag, and that the French will have to moderate their demands at the site of the Black Hole.

I wonder if the statement is true that St. George, before he became a martyr, made a fortune by supplying an army with bacon.

There is a statement in history that he did so. Our conception of the martyr is a warrior on horseback, indomitably勇敢, a dragon, but, as the dragon is a myth, I suppose this stirring account of the slaughter of one, to save a beautiful maiden, is a fable also.

Whatever may be the opinion of Euro-

peans in the Far East as to whether war

between France and China will or will not ensue, there can be no doubt that the Chi-

neses undeniably regard war as inevitable.

This is quite evident from Admiral Pang's

proclamation, which you published last night. He evidently looks upon the outbreak of war merely as a question of time.

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It is a match between

Snook and George, the Champions of this

year and last respectively, took place at

Little Bridge last Saturday, in presence of

some six thousand enthusiastic spectators.

Tremendous cheering greeted George and

Snook as they turned out to do battle over

the mile course, the contrast between the

rivals in height and build being startling.

George is tall, lithe, and spare; Snook, short, sturdy, and somewhat "bulldog" in aspect.

At the pistol, George started off with a slight lead, and Snook, foolishly as it turned out, made no attempt to force the running; the pair kept close together throughout until entering the straight in the last lap—the race so far being very slowly run. Snook made his effort about 100 yards from home, but he had miscalculated his opponent's springing powers, and the latter came away at a terrific pace, ultimately finishing a winner by about twelve yards, quite fresh in *4 min. 26 sec.* The time was great disappointment to those who had confidently expected the record (*4 min. 19.3 sec.*), but to hasty beaten, but the fact is a match between two runners who have to wait upon each other, as it were, all the way, is never so likely to result in fast time as a skilfully planned handicap.—*Life.*

The following amusing anecdote is related in one of the latest numbers of a home society paper:

A young English lady, "of considerable personal attractions" and strong Anglican leanings, entered one of the largest churches in Antwerp one moonlight last evening, and taking a *priest*, was soon lost in her reverie, gazing up unconsciously at the organ just above her, from whence proceeded, now and again, a sumptuous chime of male voices.

The lady's semi-devotional day-dream was rudely dispelled by the sudden appearance of a dark-looking monster in a gorgeous uniform, and a marvellous three-cornered hat, who, touching her on the shoulder, said authoritatively, pointing to the organ-loft, "Madame, tournez le dos."

Our countrywoman, somewhat puzzled, looked up indignantly at her intruder, but respecting the roughness of his tones, remained kneeling in the same attitude.

Presently Monsieur returned, his face scarlet and his moustache bristling with wrath.

He again accosted her. "Madame, il faut

tournez le dos. Pourriez, on sorte immédiatement."

This time the poor lady, fearing herself unequal to further remonstrance, followed the burly "piedon" out of the church.

As soon as they were outside the sacred precincts, she indignantly demanded an explanation, and it was not without considerable difficulty that the ruffed dignitary failed to explain that ladies were not permitted to stare at the Brothers while they were practising at the organ.

An Indian paper says that although white ants are a pest as much to certain crops as to anything else, they are said to perform a service to agriculture on unoccupied ground, similar to that performed by the earthworm in England. Mr. Ridley, of the Lucknow Horticultural gardens, however, has found a remedy for the depredations of the white ant. Korosans oil will not itself be avenged.

The proclamation of Pang suggests a few of the international difficulties that will arise in the event of a war occurring. Supposing that the foreign residents do not choose to remove themselves and their goods from Canton, will foreign men-of-war remain there to protect them, and allow the Chinese to block their exit from the river by the sinking of those stone junks which you referred to in the account you published a day or two ago of the defences of Canton?

Supposing an English gunboat

two should get shut up at Canton, and difficulties were to crop up between England

and China, or between England and France, what pretty position the blockaded gunboats at Canton would be in—unable to

get out, and at the mercy of a force pro-

ceeding overland with artillery.

Under the heading of "A new Poet

Laureate," the *Bombay Gazette* prints the following letter:

Sir,—I shall feel highly obliged by your kindly inserting in your valuable paper the enclosed poetry which I have composed in the spirit of loyalty to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who are expected here on the 20th inst. It would, therefore, appear desirable to publish the verses on the morning of that date.

The beauty and style of the verses are of

themselves my sufficient apology for troubling you to insert them in your paper.—Yours faithfully,

JEANICAR ANDREAS CHINOUX.

